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NOI# 20-005-TDD

Re: Bus Lanes in Ward 8

Dear Chairperson Prestwood and Chairperson Austin,

Pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Amendment Act of 2000” D.C. LAW 13-249 (48 DCR 3491 April 20, 2001), the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is required to give a written notice of our intent (NOI) to modify traffic and/or parking requirements.

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is launching three quick-build bus priority projects to help residents safely and efficiently travel everywhere they live, work, and play in the District. One of the three projects is located on Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE between W Street SE and St. Elizabeths East Campus. The curb lanes of Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE will be restricted to buses in the peak direction during the morning (northbound curb lane, 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.) and evening (southbound curb lane, 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.) rush hours. General traffic will be restricted from the curbside lanes during the peak period in the peak direction.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE bus lanes are part of the DDOT Bus Priority Program, the Bowser Administration’s initiative to enhance bus speed and reliability across all eight wards of the District. These bus priority projects are implemented quickly, require minimal design, and help address current and future needs for Metrobus and Circulator service. Dedicated bus lanes will allow WMATA and Circulator to efficiently operate their routes and help passengers to avoid crowds and maintain physical distance on buses. Following installation, DDOT will study the performance of buses and

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other multimodal traffic in the corridor to assess benefits, impacts, and necessary refinements. This letter is being forwarded to you for the purpose of notification and solicitation of comments of our intent to implement the following in your jurisdiction.

This project will also include an assessment of effects on historical and cultural resources in accordance with the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA). DDOT is inviting anyone, who is interested, to participate in the Section 106 process as a consulting party.

The details of the project have been reviewed and refined by key teams at DDOT including: Vision Zero, Traffic Engineering and Signals, Traffic Operations and Safety, Planning and Sustainability (Active Transportation and Freight Planning), Parking and Ground Transportation, and Transit Delivery. The project lies within the boundaries of ANC 8A and 8C.

In addition to Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE, DDOT will implement red bus lanes on the following corridors:

- 7th Street NW between Pennsylvania Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue
- M Street SE between Half Street SE and 10th Street SE

More information on all of the bus lane corridors has been posted on DDOT's website: <https://ddot.dc.gov/page/car-free-lanes-buses-and-bikes>

Below is a map of the project boundaries and elements of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE project.

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DDOT will implement bus lanes on Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue between W Street SE and St. Elizabeths East Campus that will:

- Allow buses to use the curbside lanes during the AM peak (7am-9:30am) in the northbound direction and PM peak (4pm-6:30pm) period in the southbound direction.
- Restrict left turns from southbound Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE onto Sheridan Road SE during the AM peak (7am-9:30am) and PM peak (4pm-6:30pm).

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The bus lanes will be painted red to designate their use. Parking is currently rush hour restricted on Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE in the peak direction, so no parking will need to be removed as part of this project. Right turns are permitted from the bus lanes and all alley and driveway access will be maintained.

DDOT is also making minor updates to the school zone signs in this corridor to reduce potential for any confusion.

All comments on this subject matter must be filed in writing by September 21, 2020 (fifty-one business days after the date of this notice), with the District Department of Transportation, Spring Worth, Transit Delivery Division, 55 M Street SE Washington, DC 20003 or by email at spring.worth@dc.gov. DDOT will review and evaluate comments and make any necessary adjustments to the corridor following implementation.

If you would like to check the status of this Notice of Intent (NOI), please visit DDOT's website at <https://ddot.dc.gov/service/ddot-notice-intent>. If you are having any trouble accessing the NOI site or are unable to do so, please contact the DDOT Customer Service Clearinghouse at 202-671-2800.

Sincerely,

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